

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BRAILLE METHOD UNDER SSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The State-wise number of schools running under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in which books of Braille method are available for the facilitation of visually-challenged students;
- (b) the State-wise number of the Government higher secondary schools in which Braille trained teachers are available;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up any 'Teacher- Training Centre' for providing education in Braille method;
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Central Universities are taking any concrete steps to create the disabled-friendly atmosphere;
- (f) If so, the details thereof; and
- g) the details of the provisions made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) In 2009-10, 15985 visually impaired children were provided Braille books/kits under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).State wise details are given at Annexure-I.
- (b) This data is not maintained Centrally.
- (c) & (d) Under SSA, multi-category training of Resource Teachers (RTs) is undertaken and guidelines for the same have been developed at the national level. This has been done to enhance academic resource support for all kinds of children with special needs, including the visually impaired children.
- (e) to (g) All Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry, have been advised to make all education institutions barrier free.